

## Local Landscape Designer Wins Gold Medal

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**Peggy Connors**

Margaret (Peggy) Connors of Connors Landscape Design has won a Gold Medal, the 125th anniversary N.E. Spring Flower Show Blue Ribbon and the prestigious Flower Show Medal of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society for a garden she designed and constructed in the New England Flower Show sponsored by the MA Horticultural Society.

Peggy worked with several other landscape designers, all members of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) on this collaborative effort with The Trustees of Reservation. The garden is a recreation of the formal Italianate walled perennial garden originally designed in 1902 by Charles Platt at the Cabot-Bradley estate in Canton, MA.

Heritage plants were dug from the garden last fall and made ready to bloom for this show now taking place at

the Bayside Exposition Center in South Boston. Some of the plants in flower and gracing the brick edged parterres are Iris, Peony, daylily, Scabiosa "Pink Mist", lambs ear, columbine, coral bells - all familiar old favorites that bloom in early June. The garden celebrates a June wedding because the theme of this year's show is Celebration. The PA H.S. award was given because, "the exhibit best simulates the use of flowering plants in or around the home". Some other features that are getting great attention at the show are the pierced brick lattice wall made on the site of old bricks, a classic water feature and a mural painted of the woodland scenery as a backdrop to the garden. The brick wall was built on the site by Duxbury mason, Donald Bishop and his son.

By combining their professional talents with the trustees of reservations, AP LD hopes to increase public awareness and appreciation of excellent classic garden design and also publicize the accessible reservation of meadows and natural woods and designed gardens. The Eleanor Cabot Bradley estate in Canton is one of 76 reservations open to the public for family enjoyment. Since 1891, the trustees have been a pioneer in saving and protecting the best of the MA landscape. They manage 19,500 acres and twelve historic houses to preserve and enhance the special features of each property.